

b = total of specific column containing X;

a = total of specific row containing X;

50 and still further including

(d) means for using calculated likelihood ratios from the above mathematical expressions to create the array of likelihood ratios that are multiplied together with the [pre] pre-test odds factor to create the possible post-test outcome that indicates a possible disease and probability for the disease, according to the following mathematical expression:

55 (3) Pre-test odds x LR₁ x LR₂ x LR₃ x LR₄ ... x LR_n = Post-test odds, wherein

LR_{1-n} = positive and negative likelihood ratios calculated according to equations

(1) and (2) above.

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

60 15. (cancelled)

REMARKS

This paper is filed as a supplemental amendment following an interview that took place on November 30, 2005.

During the interview, the examiner indicated that claim 12 set forth allowable subject matter over the prior art in light of the prior amendment. The above amendments are submitted in response to concerns about possible Sec. 101 and 112 issues in light of recent case law that may have relevance to the claimed subject matter.

Applicant's use of "means plus function" language in the above claim amendments is intended to cast claim limitations in the form specifically permitted by statute, as set forth in 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112. Applicant intends for these limitations to cover corresponding structure,

materials, or acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof, as per the terms of the statute.

Once again, applicant wishes to thank the examiner for her thorough analysis and examination of the prior art in the office action.

Applicant respectfully requests an indication of allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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